The cigarette

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1.How long had the war been going on so far? What did the local news report?  
For 2 years. On the news the said they destroyed 13 Iraq planes. And they shot down 2 of theres.  
  
2. What was Marji’s motive for breaking her parent’s rules? When else had she violated their trust?  
She wanted to hang with the older kids so they can be her friends.Skipping class now and in ’79 she went to the demonstration.  
  
3. What was Marji’s destination? What was its reputation? How was it able to survive the regime’s repression?  
Going to Jordan Avenue its rep. was that, that’s where all the teenagers from North Tehran (the nice neighborhood) hug out. It survive the regime repression either it was to leave them a little free spaces or out of ignorance.  
  
4. How would you describe the relationship between Marji and her mother? What language does Marji use to describe her mother and her tactics?   
There relationship has gotten worst as the book goes on, the language is Dictator.  
  
5. Describe the efforts made toward bringing the war to an end between Iran and Iraq. Why did peace fail?  
They retake Khorramashahr and Iraq proposed a settlement and Saudi Arabia was willing o pay for reconstruction to restore peace. Peace fail because they government was against it.  
  
6. Comment on the symbolism on pages 115/ 116.  
The symbolism on page 115 was that the man lying on the bed was a martyr and he was getting things put in his head. The symbolism on page 116 is saying she been looking in n the war all this tome and they didn’t notice her and she wish they could notice the good things about not fighting.  
  
7. What did the survival of the regime depend on? What was the human cost of survival?  
It depended on your life, and it cost there life.

8. How did the regime become more repressive?  
The exterminated the enemy within.  
  
9. What was Marji’s symbolic act of rebellion? Describe her interesting response.  
Her act of rebellion was smoking a cigarette, she start coughing but she keep doing it because she wanted to prove a point to herself and her mom.  
  
10. In what ways has Marji become an adult?  
She start making her own decisions and that’s what you have to do when you get older